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July 31, 2003

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Deborah Tate
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37219

Re: Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company, Nashville Gas Company, a division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and United Cities Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation for a Declaratory Ruling regarding the Collectibility of the Gas Cost Portion of Uncollectable Accounts under the Purchase Gas Adjustment ("PGA") Rules - Amendment to Petition for Declaratory Ruling - Docket No. 03-00209

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed you will find the original and thirteen (13) copies of an Amendment to the Petition for Declaratory Ruling in Docket No. 03-00209. At the pre-hearing conference, we informed the Pre-Hearing Officer and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division that an amendment would be forthcoming.

Sincerely,



D. Billye Sanders
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Enclosures

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Deborah Tate, Chairman

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

PETITION OF CHATTANOOGA GAS
COMPANY, NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY,
A DIVISION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL
GAS COMPANY, INC. AND ATMOS
ENERGY CORPORATION FOR A
DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING
THE COLLECTIBILITY OF THE GAS
COSTS PORTION OF UNCOLLECTIBLE
ACCOUNTS UNDER THE PURCHASE
GAS ADJUSTMENT ("PGA") RULES

DOCKET NO. 03-00209

AMENDMENT TO PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING

Come now, Chattanooga Gas Company ("Chattanooga Gas"), Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Nashville Gas"), and Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") (collectively, the "Petitioners") and amend their Petition for a declaratory order in the above referenced docket as follows:

1. The name United Cities Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation, in the caption and throughout the Petition should be corrected to read: "Atmos Energy Corporation".

2. The first sentence of the Petition is further amended to add at the end: "... and procedures within the regulatory authority of the TRA" such that the first sentence reads:

Come now, Chattanooga Gas Company ("Chattanooga Gas"), Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Nashville Gas"), and Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") (collectively, the

"Petitioners") and respectfully request the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") to issue a declaratory order pursuant to T.C.A. §65-2-104, T.C.A. §4-5-223 and T.R.A. Rule 1220-1-2-.06 ruling that the gas costs portion of the uncollectible accounts of the Petitioners is recoverable through the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rules (TRA Rule 1220-4-7, et. seq.) and procedures within the regulatory authority of the TRA.

3. The first paragraph on page 6 of the Petition is amended by adding at the end of the sentence "... or pursuant to procedures consistent with the intent of the PGA Rules and the TRA's authority to regulate the Petitioners", such that said paragraph reads:

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners respectfully pray that the Authority issue a declaratory order declaring that the gas costs portion of uncollectible accounts is recoverable by the Petitioners through their PGAs in the manner set forth in this Petition or pursuant to procedures consistent with the intent of the PGA Rules and the TRA's authority to regulate the Petitioners.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of July, 2003.

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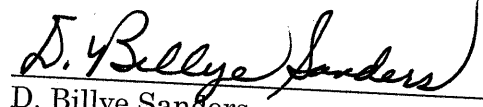
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been mailed,
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